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PROMPTNESS IN LEGISLATION.

We will give the author of the Governor's message credit for incorporating one good suggestion, namely, that in reference to early action on bills in order that the Executive may have time to properly examine them. The habit of delaying everything until the last moment, and then rushing business through in a hurry, is not only a dangerous way of making laws, but is unfair to the Governor. The Executive is held responsible for his absolute rejection or approval of a bill, and in justice to him he should have reasonable opportunity for studying a measure that he may act upon intelligently. Besides, the practice gives the Governor an excuse for rejecting good bills, on the plea that they reached him so late in the session that he was unable to examine them; whereas, if they were sent to him in time, he would not dare have it go to the country that he refused his assent. It is hoped that the present Legislature will not pursue the course of too many of its predecessors, but will perform a large share of its work early in the session, and place important bills in the hands of the Governor in time for him to examine them and to suggest changes that he may deem advisable. If this plan is pursued better legislation is likely to be the result, and on the last night of the session the Executive will not be overwhelmed with bills that it is impossible for him to carefully and intelligently scrutinize. Whether or not the law-makers give heed to any other of the Governor's suggestions, it is hoped they will pay attention to this one.

A BUREAU OF STATISTICS.

The able paper published in Sunday morning's HERALD, over the signature of Professor Clayton, upon which brief comment has heretofore been made, set forth in clear and able terms, a neglect of long standing on the part of Utah Territory, with regard to the mineral resources. It is a cause for general solicitude that some measure looking to the accomplishment of what is there set forth as necessary, shall be passed by the Legislature. But the mining resources of Utah are not the only resources which require encouragement; for the arguments which are so ably and so clearly set forth by the Professor in behalf of his cause, apply with equal force in other directions.

Two years ago, when the Legislature was in session, a bill was introduced and passed by both branches of the Assembly, creating the office of Territorial statistician, and named for the position one of the best men and certainly the ablest man for the place that has ever been numbered among the citizens of Utah. We refer to that good and noble soul, who while not fully appreciated in life still worked with a love for Utah in his breast as boundless as the resources which he more than any other being comprehended, Joseph L. Barfoot, for years curator of the Museum. The bill, it was true, was crude, and deficient in many respects, but was a move in the right direction, and the labors and experience of a statistician during the past two years could have been made the basis for more competent legislation at the present session; but the bill failed of executive approval, for the reason that it did not give the Governor the appointing power, and this objection was sufficient, in the mind of the Governor, to counterbalance the vast good that could have been accomplished had the bill been approved.

Be that as it may, each year, every day the more clearly demonstrates that the establishment of a bureau of statistics is absolutely indispensable to the immediate and future welfare of the Territory. Any member of the Legislature has a

clear idea of what he is worth financially, and if in business he keeps a very close watch and knows where he increases in wealth, and where there are leakages. Here we are with a grand Territory, which has a future as promisingly bright as the noonday sun, and yet we venture the assertion that not a single member of the Legislature has any idea of the wealth invested in Utah Territory; he can give no clear idea of the year's prosperity, except as it affects his business. Who can give a reasonable estimate of the number of bushels of wheat raised in Utah in 1883, or of any other cereal? What the increase in the value and number of live stock? What the revenue from exports? How much of our own product is necessary for home consumption? or can give any clear statement of anything relating to Utah's financial condition in a broad way? Here are close on 200,000 people transacting a business whose detail is multitudinous, and about which nothing, comparatively speaking, is known by any person. And does this Legislature hope to legislate successfully for a people or a community without a clear knowledge of its financial standing? As well might a merchant apply to the veriest stranger for advice as to the conduct of a business about which the stranger knows absolutely nothing.

We cannot help believing that the force of these assertions and questions has been felt as keenly by the members of the Assembly as by us; nor do we believe any labor will be necessary to put them in the mood for adopting measures which will relieve the Territory from the effects of so unfortunate an oversight. We are not prepared to say how it shall be accomplished, for the way is more patent to those by whom the law shall be passed, but the difficulty can be overcome, and if the sacrifice of a little personal idea is necessary to securing the end, it had better be done than that Utah should continue to suffer from the absence of a bureau of statistics.

THE WEATHER is unusually cold for the season, it must be admitted, but the assertion that it is "the coldest on record" is a long way wide of the truth, and only shows how forgetful people are. So far the winter has been milder than any of its predecessors for a number of years, and the little "spell" of stinging weather of the past few days is by no means as severe as the cold waves of last winter and of the winter of 1881-82. So far the mercury has not fallen so near to the zero point as to be on familiar terms with the mark. If people will refer to their memories they will learn that for days last winter zero or its neighborhood was quite frequently touched, and on one occasion the signal service instrument registered the temperature as 20 degrees below the cipher point. It is true the flies have not been very troublesome lately, and the coal dealers are the busiest people in town, but so long as the weather behaves no worse than it has this winter Salt Laker will have no good cause for complaint.

NOW SECRETARY FREELING.

HUYSEN must listen to the band, whether or not he has a good ear for music. At a cabinet reception the other day the Secretary departed from the custom and refused admission to the female society correspondents, saying he did not want the affair "dished up" in the newspapers. Mr. Freelinghuysen is evidently ignorant of human nature as expressed and developed in the newspaper reporter, and that nature is emphasized when the reporter happens to be a woman. An order from a Secretary of State cannot keep the correspondent quiet; if it could, the newsgatherer would soon be out of employment. The female reporters managed to tell all about the reception—who were there, what they wore, and what they said, and now they are giving the Secretary a benefit, in the way of very complimentary descriptions of his person and habits. Whenever a female reporter wants admission, you had better let her in and save trouble.

THE CITY COUNCIL of Bridgeport, Connecticut, instructed the Mayor to offer a reward of \$50 for evidence that would lead to the conviction of a party for gambling. The reward has been up only a few days, and so far has been without results. The plan, it strikes us, is a good one, and might be profitably adopted in this city; that is to say, it might, if we are really in earnest in the professed desire to put a stop

to gambling and do not wish to use the business as a source of revenue for the municipality. If we are going to continue in the old way, of asking the keepers of gambling-houses to contribute \$100 each quarterly or such a matter, and they promptly pay the assessment, why, of course, it would be nonsense to waste any money in rewards for testimony that is not needed. Bridgeport seems anxious to put a stop to the evil of gambling, and when her police say it is impossible for them to get evidence that will convict, the Council is willing to pay those who will betray the gamblers.

THE COMMISSION, it will be seen by reference to a notice printed elsewhere in THE HERALD, has ordered the registration officer for this city to open the lists and keep them open until next Thursday evening, for the purpose of registering citizens who desire to vote at the coming municipal election and whose names are not already on the list. This is work that should have been performed last month, but was not done by reason of the absence of the Commission. However, it may answer as well now; in fact, it will have to answer. Governmental affairs in Utah have been irregular and mixed up so long that little breaks of this kind have to be overlooked in order to have any government whatever.

ISN'T IT about time that some action was taken in the matter of making nominations for the municipal offices to be filled at the coming election? Ward primaries and a city convention are yet to be held, and the day for voting approaches.

AN EXCHANGE asks, "How far will a dollar go?" We can't state the exact distance, but it will go so far that it can never get back. We know of some dollars that have been gone long enough to go to the moon and return, and they are still going.

"I WILL NOT."

A certain dean of Chester was called upon to perform the wedding ceremony for a pair of happy lovers. The position of both parties was of the highest rank, and the guests who were bidden to the church were of the most fashionable and exalted. The day arrived and with it the hour. The edifice was packed, and all was in readiness. The dean, expectant, awaited the coming of the bride, and the groom, with his best man, was in the vestry. The hour passed on, and still the bride did not arrive. After a long delay she drove up to the church door and with her bridesmaids swept up the large middle aisle toward the altar. In the meantime the groom advanced to meet her, and receiving her half way, escorted her to the dean. After the opening words of exhortation, the dean turned to the man and asked him the usual set questions, whether he would have the woman for his wedded wife, etc., to which he answered, "I will." The questions being in turn asked of the woman, to the astonishment of all, she said, looking the groom in the face, "I will not." The next instant she said in a low voice: "Mr. Dean, no one can more regret the words I have just uttered than myself, and if you will dismiss the congregation and take me into your vestry-room, I will apologize, and at the same time fully and satisfactorily explain what may seem to all my strange conduct." The dean, seeing she was in earnest, in a few words dismissed the bewildered congregation and directed the bridegroom to await him. The congregation having departed, and the lady and dean being together, she said, "I cannot tell you how badly I feel. I had loved my fiancée truly and devotedly, and had looked forward to a life of perfect happiness and joy. This morning, as you know, I was late at my marriage ceremony, but it was not through any fault of mine. I arrived as soon as I could. Instead of receiving looks of love and words full of happiness from my future husband, he paralyzed by beating heart by saying, when he met me half way up the aisle, 'G—d— you! If you expect to begin life this way, by keeping me waiting for you, you will find out after you are my wife!'"

"My decision was instantly made. I have been told that sooner than suffer unhappiness through my actions, it were better to renounce at the altar a union that would bring misery and grief thereafter. Had I turned back he would have followed me; there would have been a scene, and he might have persuaded me to return and marry him. It also might have looked like temporizing, and I had fully time during your few words of prayer to make up my mind. I know that I have disappointed friends, my family, but no one more than myself. Do not ask me to reconsider his late action. Inform me you would have been husband of my determination and let me go." The dean, seeing that she was resolved, could not but approve, and gently led her through the church back to her anxious parents, not as a smiling wife, but as a woman whose present is shattered and whose future is blighted.—London Telegraph.

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